



Vermont Adult Learning

Education for Changing Lives

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A member of  Learning Works
Vermont's Adult Education & Literacy System

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Message from our Regional Manager

Dear Community Member:

Welcome to the first edition of Vermont Adult Learning – Chittenden County e-newsletter!

The purpose of the newsletter is to keep our friends, community members, and partner organizations informed about the services we currently offer, class and testing schedules, locations, and who to call for further information or to schedule an appointment.

Adult education is changing and becoming a much more dynamic force in the world of workforce development. We like to think of Vermont Adult Learning as the perfect partner organization. By blending our expertise in assessment, academics, English language, and work readiness, we can enhance existing training, education, human, and social services.

We hope that the information below helps you understand what we're all about and enable you to make appropriate referrals to our services; or, to think in ways our two agencies can partner to get more adults engaged in moving forward.

Since this is the first edition, we welcome your comments. Please send feedback to either Heather Kelman at hkelman@vtadultlearning.org or myself, cmills@vtadultlearning.org. We plan on sending our e-newsletter out quarterly in order to keep everyone updated on programs and schedules.

In addition, please pass this information along to anyone you know that may find it useful – friends and family, co-workers, and other organizations. Also, if you'd like to be taken off the e-mail list, let us know that as well.

I hope you find our e-newsletter engaging and full of interactive surprises as Vermont Adult Learning tells its story.

With warm regards,



Cindy Mills
Regional Manager
Vermont Adult Learning, Chittenden

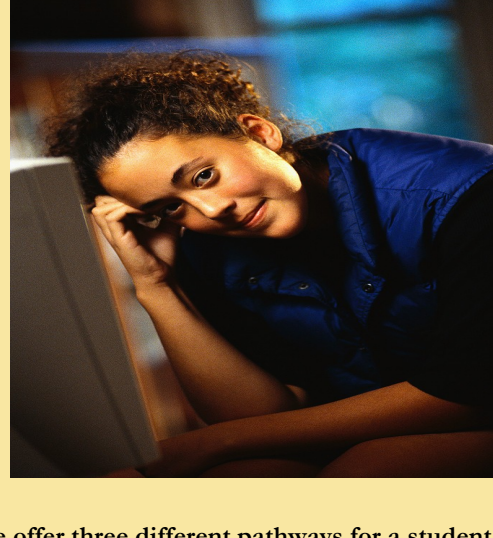


Cindy Mills, Regional Mgr.

Our Process:

Every student who comes through our doors is oriented to our services through an intake process. We assess their skills in the areas of reading, writing and math so they have a clear understanding of where they are and where they need to go. Students are then assigned to an Educational Adviser who will help them set goals and create a clear educational path.

Our process is structured, and the emphasis is on student support and outcomes.



We offer three different pathways for a student to earn a high school credential. Scroll down to find out!

We are in the Community!

Personal Care Attendant Program:

In conjunction with the Association of Africans Living in Vermont (AALV) and the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA), we provide English language and job readiness skills instruction to students enrolled in their Personal Care Attendant class.

The unique aspect of the project is how partners are merging their specific specialties—job readiness, community relationships, skilled nursing—into a seamless system. And, VAL is key to the success!



Watch a photoshow of the graduation; turn up the volume and enjoy:

[CLICK HERE](#)



Community Kitchen:

We are partnering with the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf to support a 14 week culinary skills training program.

Students learn proficiency in food service prep and safety; demonstrate computer skills to meet industry standard; and, practice work ready and interpersonal skills.

In the end each student will earn a "Serve Safe" certificate, and the graduation ceremony will take place in mid-May!

See more photos: [click here](#)

Three pathways to a high school credential

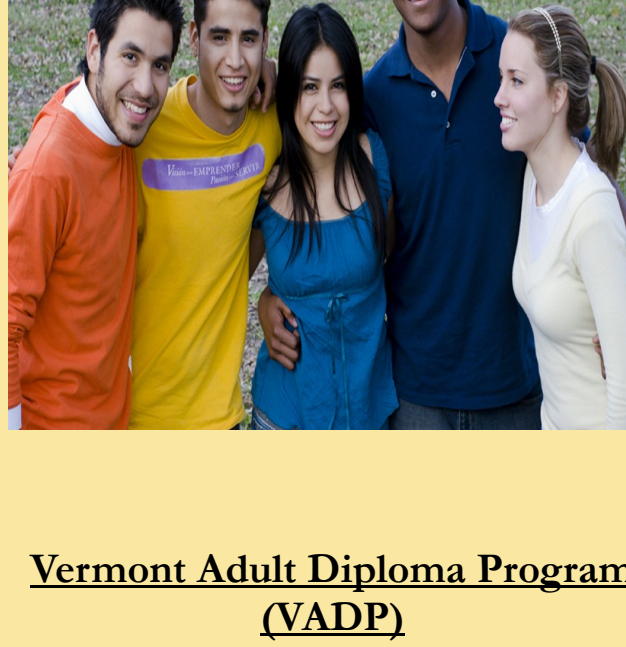
High School Completion Program (HSCP)

There is a new path to a high school diploma for Vermonters age 16-22 not enrolled in high school.

Act 176 authorizes high schools to join forces with adult education centers (Learning Works). In Chittenden County, youth who have left high school early create individualized graduation plans with the support of Vermont Adult Learning and their home high school.

These plans can include a wide range of education and training experiences, counseling, health services, and innovative community partnerships.

There is no cost to the student.



Vermont Adult Diploma Program (VADP)

In cooperation with the Vermont Department of Education, VADP provides adults the opportunity to earn a high school diploma from their local school by completing a portfolio of projects demonstrating skills that meet state education standards. The projects can include earning credit for a strong work history, planning for employment or college, and completing a research paper.

Students have choices of which projects are used to demonstrate key standards.

The program is free of charge to Vermont adults aged 18 and older.



GED

The GED, also known as the General Educational Development certificate is a high school completion credential available to people 16 or older who have not graduated from high school.

The GED is obtained by passing each of the 5 tests in reading, writing, math, science and social studies. The tests can be taken separately on different testing dates; we hold testing three times per month. (Please scroll down for the GED testing schedule).

The cost in Vermont is \$12 for each test, and help preparing for the tests is available at our learning centers.



A photo from our 2008 graduation ceremony. Please click [here](#) to view a photoshow of the evening.

GED Testing Schedule:

April 2009

DOL: Tues. Apr. 07/09, 8:30am—3:30pm

Sat. at VAL: Apr. 18/09, 8:30am—4pm

VAL: Mon., Apr. 27/09, 3pm—8pm

May 2009

DOL: Tues. May 05/09, 8:30am—3:30pm

Sat. at VAL: May 16/09, 8:30am—4pm

VAL: Mon., May 18/09, 3pm—8pm

June 2009

DOL: Tues. Jun. 02/09, 8:30am—3:30pm

Sat. at VAL: Jun. 13/09, 8:30am—4pm

VAL: Mon., Jun. 22/09, 3pm—8pm

DOL: Department of Labor

63 Pearl St.

Burlington, VT

VAL: Vermont Adult Learning

462 Hegeman Ave.

Fort Ethan Allen

Colchester, VT

Please call to pre-register:

(802) 846-7245

Our Locations: [click on location for a map](#)



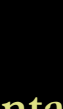
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Contact: Carmine Sargent

(802) 846-7245 x 104



Downtown

19 Church St.

Burlington, VT

Contact: Forrest Gardner

(802) 862-8007



Milton Family Community Center

23 Villemaire Ln.

Milton, VT

Contact: Stan Bevet

(802) 893-1457



ESOL Classes in the Community



Sloane Hall

Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.

8:55am—10am—Beginner ESL

10:05am—11am—Intermediate reading, writing, conversation

11:05am—12pm—High Intermediate ESL

Sara Holbrook

66 North Ave., Burlington

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.

8:30am—10am—Beginner ESL

9:35am—10:35am—Low Beginner

10:40am—11am—Intermediate

11:45am—12:45pm—High Intermediate

Please Call Sabine Eaton to set-up an appointment:

(802) 846-7245 x103

Vermont Adult Learning Students take over the Legislature!



Last winter our students "took over" the legislature via their photos and biographies! It was a great way for the representatives to meet our students!

Questions or comments? Please email us at hkelman@vtadultlearning.org or call (802) 846-7245